(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) the action taken so far, and

(d) the time by which the waiting list is likely to be cleared?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c) Whilst no application of allotment of such PCO is pending with Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, Delhi, installation of PCOs is pending in two cases for want of completion of procedural formalities by the applicants

(d) There is no waiting list for PCOs for the above category

Bio-Gas Plants and Solar Energy Centre in Gujarat and Haryana

6226 SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA
SHRI S N VEKARIA

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) the number of bio-gas plants and solar energy centering Gujarat and Haryana as on January 31,1992,

(b) the number of such plants/ centres proposed to be set up in these States during 1992-93,

(c) whether any financial assistance is proposed to be provided to these States with a view to undertake research and development works there,

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI). (a) A total of about 1,37,000 and 21,000 biogas plants have been set up in the States of Gujarat and Haryana, respectively, by the State nodal departments and agencies as on January 31, 1992 There is only one Solar energy Centre set up by the Central Government at Gwal Pahari, distnct Gurgaon, Haryana as on January 31,1992

(b) The targets for setting up of family type biogas plants envisaged for 1992-93 for the States of Gujarat and Haryana are 25,000 and 19,000 plants, respectively A Regional Testing Centre- Cum-Back-Up Unit for low grade solar thermal systems is scheduled to become functional at Vallabh Vidya Nagar, Gujarat during 1992-93 There is no proposal for such a Centre in the State of Haryana dunng 1992-93

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir There are already 3 research projects on biogas in progress in the States of Gujarat and Haryana and 4 research projects on Solar Energy Systems in progress in the State of Gujarat, as follows

Research and Development Project on Biogas

(i) Field testing of Vanaspathi Kachra Biogas Plant at Anand, Gujarat

(ii) Biogas plant using banana stem as feedstock at Vallabha Vidya Nagar, Gujarat

(iii) Microbial Process Improvement of Biogas Digestors under Optimum fermentation using different organic Wastes at Karnal, Haryana

Research and Development Project on Solar Energy Systems

(i) Design Development and Performance study of a Solar distillation plant using Multi evaporation technique at Vallabh Vidya Nagar, Gujarat.

(ii) Monitoring and Performance evaluation of 25 litre Zeolite refrigeration and development and testing of a 150 litre system for industrial application at Vallabh Bhavnagar, Gujarat.

(iii) A Salt Gradient Solar Pond at Dutch dairy (Bhuj).

(iv) Study of the suitability of Solar Pond as the source o low temperature thermal energy or industrial application at Bhavnagar, Gujarat.

[*English*]

Decline in Tourist Flow in J & K

6227. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR:
SHRI ANANTRAO DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of decrease in the number of domestic and foreign tourists, separately visiting Kashmir since 1989 than that of the last three years;

(b) the efforts being made to encourage the tourists to visit Kashmir and to protect and maintain the tourist spots there; and

(c) the estimated loss of foreign exchange due to decline in the number of tourists during each of the last three years.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIAL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Statistics of tourist traffic to the whole of Kashmir is not available. However, according to the figures furnished by the State Government, the estimated number of tourists who visited Kashmir Valley during the last three years are as given below:

Year	*Domestic tourists*	*% Change*	*Foreign tourists*	*% Change*
1989	490,215	–	67,762	–
1990	6,095	-98.7	4,637	-93.2
1991	1,409	-76.9	5,006	8.2

(b) The prevailing conditions in Kashmir Valley do not encourage the tourists to visit that region. However, efforts are being made to give wider publicity and development of tourist attaractions in otherareas of kashmir particularly ladakh region.

(c) The estimates of foreign exchange earnings from tourism are not worked out place-wise and State wise.